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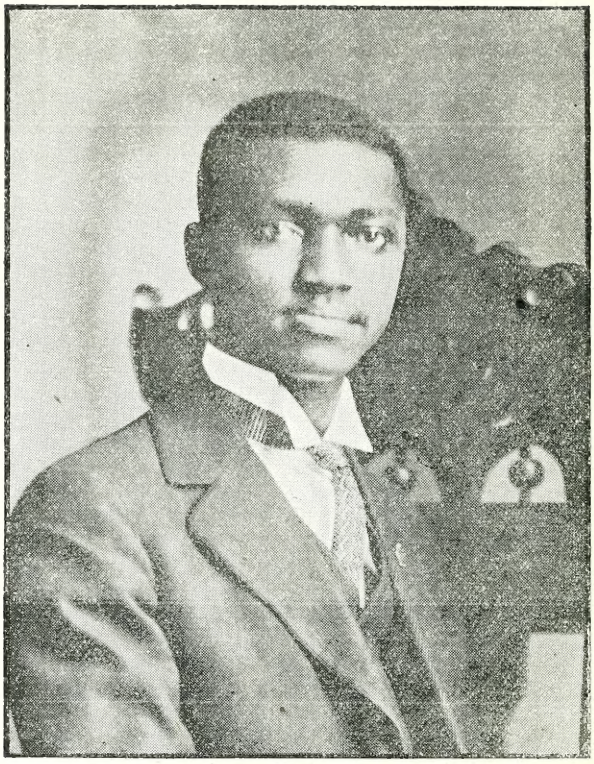

Rev. O. J. Allen, A. B., Pastor of the First Baptist church of Statesville, N. C. Recording Secretary of Baptist Ministerial Conference of North Carolina and Assistant Secretary of Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Recording Secretary of Ebenezer Association, member Trustee Board of W. U. Academy, he having successfully pastored Washington, Shiloh and Green Bethel churches, resigned over great protest to accept the First Baptist church of Statesville, which place he has been attended with much success. The close of the first year's work showed 225 persons had joined the church, most of whom were baptized by him. A beautiful 9-room bungalow parsonage was built, with electric lights, bath fixtures and all modern improvements, costing about $2,500.

His mother, Mrs. Ellen Williams, matron of W. U. A., is due much credit for the training she gave "O. J.," as she calls him, during his boyhood days.

Proceedings

Center Baptist Church, Lowell, N. C.,
Sept. 24, 1914.

The Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association met in its 25th annual session in the Center Baptist church on the above date and place.

The Moderator called the house to order at 12 o'clock, lined hymn 463 S. M., "Blest be the tie that binds," and read 12th chapter of Romans as a Scripture lesson. Rev. P. C. Young was designated to pray. After a few remarks by the Moderator, Bros. J. A. Wheeler, J. G. Surratt and F. Ross were appointed Committee on Enrollment, who proceeded to enroll the delegation.

Time having arrived for the Introductory Sermon, Revs. P. C. Young and S. B. McBrayer in the stand, the latter lined hymn No. 454, S. M., "A charge to keep I have." Rev. N. A. Rice offered prayer. Hymn No. 417 was sung. Rev. P. C. Young gave as a text Romans, 8: 1-2, from which he preached a most excellent sermon.

The congregation sang "We are climbing Jacob's ladder." Rev. P. F. Maloy presented Rev. M. A. Talley, A. M., of Wilson, N. C., the State Missionary Secretary, who came front and spoke a few well chosen words of exhortation. Collection taken—$2.40.

Benediction by Rev. N. A. Rice.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association assembled at 2:30, Bro. Wiley Torrence of St. Paul church, conducting the praise service.

The house was called to order. The roll was called and minutes of last session read and approved.

Rev. M. A. Talley was allowed to present his missionary work to the Association, and said in part: "Brethern, this is an unusual courtesy extended to me, to have you dispense with your business and allow your humble servant to speak to you upon a subject of vital importance. I bring to you the greetings of the State Convention. We meet in Hamlet, N. C., this year, and are looking for you to attend. Rev. Bro. Roberts and Rev. O. J. Allen always attend, but we want all of you to do so. We as Baptists must come together and unite our forces. We must unite from the mountains to the sea-

shore. We are all one and fighting under one banner. "One Lord, one faith and one baptism."

"Stand Up for Jesus" was sung by the Association.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted:

Whereas, This, the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association, has been favored with the presence of our esteemed Bro. Talley, who is struggling to unite the forces of the Baptists of North Carolina, be it resolved:

1. That this Association do pledge to continue its support to the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina.
2. That we urge every minister of this Association to attend the State Convention.
3. That a contribution be given to Rev. M. A. Talley for the support of our State work.

Yours Submitted,
O. J. ALLEN.

A collection of $5.30 was taken and given to Rev. M. A. Talley, who in turn thanked the Association for their help.

The Committee on Enrollment made report, which was adopted. Enrollment fees $11.25.

The following report was adopted:

We, your committee on officers, recommend the following named for the ensuing year:

Moderator, REV. W. A. ROBERTS; Vice Moderator, REV. P. C. YOUNG; Recording Secretary, REV. O. J. ALLEN, A. B.; Corresponding Secretary, Bro. D. H. WOODS; Treasurer, Bro. B. JINGLES.

Yours submitted,

W. EARLS,
L. COSTNER,
W. R. HAMILTON,
R. J. GETER,
G. C. CALDWELL,
G. KNOX,
Committee.

Doxology. Benediction by Rev. P. C. Young.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Amid the downpour of the rain the Association assembled at 8 o'clock, with Bros. J. S. Davidson and J. G. Surratt conducting the devotional services.

After an interesting praise service the following programme was carried out:

1. Welcome on behalf of the community, Mr. Suggs, A. M. E. Zion Church.
2. Welcome on part of Sunday School, Mr. E. Jingles.

3. Welcome in behalf of Center church, Rev. W. W. Price.

4. Response to addresses of welcome, Dr. P. F. Maloy.

The addresses and response were all in accord with the occasion and made the delegation feel more at home.

Time for the Doctrinal Sermon. Rev. O. J. Allen, A. B., of Statesville, N. C., and Rev. N. A. Rice of Chester, S. C., in the stand. The latter lined hymn 469, S. M.

Bro. Suggs offered prayer.

Second hymn, 463 S. M., was sung by the congregation with much enthusiasm. The Moderator, in well chosen words, introduced the speaker, paying tribute to the great work he had done in his new field of labor and rehearsing the good work he had done while pastoring in the Associational bounds. Rev. Mr. Allen arose and after some jovial remarks gave as a text Job 7:17: "What is man that thou shouldst magnify him? and that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him?" Subject —"Divine Condescension."

The young divine held his hearers spell bound. It is not enough to say he preached but he proved himself equal to the task and spoke as one that had been with Jesus. Rev. N. A. Rice offered a most earnest and touching prayer.

"No Never Alone," was sung, led by Rev. E. L. Williams.

Bro. F. Ross of Shoal Creek called a collection, assisted by Bro. A. L. Costner of Ebenezer. Collection amounted to $5.00.

Benediction by Rev. P. F. Maloy.

(D. H. Woods, Secretary Pro. Tem.)

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The body assembled at 9:30 with Bros. W. J. Black and J. C. Camp conducting the praise services. The house was declared ready for business by the chair.

The roll was called, minutes of last session read and approved.

Prof. J. L. Levister, of Shaw University was introduced and said many good things to us. The Moderator made a timely response to the remarks made.

After appointing several committees the Moderator proceeded to deliver his annual address, as follows:

Dear Brethren, in the providence of God we are blessed to meet again in this, the 25th annual session of the Ebenezer Baptist Association of Western North Carolina and North South Carolina, with the Center Baptist church of Lowell, N. C.

After another year of arduous and faithful labor upon various

fields and under varied circumstances, we are blessed to meet on the same grounds and with some of the same brethren we met nine years ago.

I do not call your attention to any information new to you nor to conditions unobserved by you when I speak of the manifold and constant blessing of Almighty God, who is wisdom, love, mercy and truth, who neither forgets nor neglects His own, His co-laborers for His blessings have been ceaseless through ages. Our being here is a manifestation of His lovingkindness and Fatherly care.

The vacant seats of those whom we have so often seen here remind us that though cared for and protected by a Heavenly Father, and watched over by Him who is love, we too must ere long answer to the roll call and give account of the deeds done here, whether they be good or evil.

Whatever has been the answer of those gone on we, the living, still have an opportunity to make good. Granting we have all fallen short in the past, we can now arouse ourselves and by self-effacement and earnest consecration devote ourselves to the betterment of the Lord's host and the uplift of man everywhere, in the establishment and spread of the kingdom of God to the end that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

OUR MISSION.

What music fills the soul? What thoughts inspire the mind, as we contemplate the vastness of our mission? As the mountain springs give forth their limpid and crystal waters in the warm, dry summer, to refresh and invigorate the lowlands and valleys of earth, so may this meeting pour forth its influence to strengthen and rejuvenate life in the Christian Church.

The successful work of this Association, from year to year, is not due to might or strength or skill as men, but to our loyalty to Him, who said "Upon this rock I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The church is still standing and is more firmly planted than ever. It is waiting with larger undertakings and expectations.

Among the old Romans there once prevailed a very significant custom of holding the face of every new-born infant toward the heavens, signifying by thus presenting its head to the stars that it was to look above the world into Celestial glory. Christianity dispelled the fable and gives us a clear realization of that pagan yearning in the deep solicitude which all of us disciples cherish for the uplift of all humanity.

We are here in this grand old Christian body, made up of Christian brethren whose hearts have been touched by the love of God and whose faces have been turned toward heaven and the deepest and greatest interest is in the uplift of the race.

Hither we come to devise means and project plans for higher Christian culture and thus prepare spirits for heaven and immortal glory.

The thought that runs like a thread of gold through Paul's epistles was fellowship for all lovers of his Lord. Others might set down what he had to say on duty and doctrine. But when he would express the fullness of his heart for his brethren, his own hand grasped the pen and wrote the glorious greeting. "Ofttimes strong attachments

arise from oneness of occupation; but there can be no bond between human souls like the high calling in Christ Jesus.''

I am thankful to Almighty God that I am enlisted with the working Baptists of the State.

In 1913 we were blessed to meet in the extreme western part of the State or field, almost at the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains, but this setting finds us in a warmer clime, where we can catch the warm breath of the Sunny South.

In numerical increase, the denomination has made wonderful strides in two decades. We now claim over two hundred thousand communicants in the State. But mere numerical increase in itself is no infallible proof of efficient, effective and aggressive growth. What is the significance of two hundred thousand colored Baptists in the State? What does it mean to the denomination, in the moral, educational and religious life of the people?

If the membership of the Baptist Church in the State is larger than that of all denominations combined, and we, as an Association, are a part and parcel of the two hundred thousand, then our responsibility is greater than that of all the other denominations combined. Are we meeting our obligations and measuring up to the responsibilities? If we are not, then it is for us here in this meeting to take such action and lay such plans as will enable us to discharge every duty and meet every responsibility.

As we note the pages of history and the statistics, the Lord has wonderfully blessed the Baptists in this State. Not only are we large, numerically, but we have about a half million dollars in church property, and one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in school property, which we ourselves bought.

THE NEED OF OUR FIELD.

One of the great needs of this Association and field is along the financial line. We sometimes apply to other bodies or fields. But there is no help like self help. Nothing so strengthens and develops self and self-dependence and self-confidence. It is true that we are entering upon our business in the time of a great crisis, in a district where the hail storm has displayed its power and in a time when a world-wide war is agitating the minds of many, and almost everywhere and in all business there is a lull or standstill. But nevertheless if we succeed we must in this meeting or some other, divise some plan to come in closer touch with our churches in a way that the people may realize our need and be so impressed that they will help us.

Again, it is true that the primary work of the Church is to save souls, and all other is secondary, but as leaders of our race we must prepare the souls not only to be saved, but to be fully prepared for the duties of life and fit subjects for heaven.

It is easy for churches as well as individual members who are completely satisfied with negative goodness. There are some who have been members of the church for years and have not done anything for foreign missions, State missions, and nothing for education. Have not led a single soul to Christ, yet so long as they can get up and testify that they have never been turned out of the Church they assume an air of satisfaction.

It is against such goodness that the holy writ issues a warning when it says, ''Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion.'' To those

who are resting upon their oars, who feel secure in their present state, the prophets of old who went about trying to arouse men from their lethargy, preaching righteousness and judgment to come, often paid the penalty of their zeal in various places of imprisonment, torture and death.

Christ, preaching against the fossilized religion as taught by the scribes and Pharisees of his day, and because of it aroused against himself the most bitter opposition, which increased in violence till it finally brought Him to the cross. It was not Christ in Himself but His progressive idea they opposed.

It was the aggressive propaganda of Paul that caused such frequent and bitter opposition to Him. So on through the centuries every reformer has been a man of progressive ideas.

Now, as at all times, the Church needs men, preachers and workers of a progressive idea—men who in the right and the fear of God, will push those ideas until they bear fruit; men who for the cause's sake are willing to endure hardness and criticism; men who will push the battle to the gate, though they suffer persecction and misrepresentation; men who count not their lives dear unto themselves in the service of the Master; in pressing home to men their duty and responsibility to their fellowmen and their God.

Our attention is called more closely to consider our school and the arrangements made for running the school. If the school is to be a success we must blend our forces together and stand by our worthy principal. If the debt is to be paid we must make a sacrifice of what God has given us. God wants missionary Baptists to do mission work, and if we can not go as missionaries on the foreign fields we can at least give something for missions.

Dear brethren, let us so deport ourselves while we are here that the Spirit may guide the work of this session to the glory of God and credit to the denomination and an uplift of the race.

Yours for the Master and His kingdom,

W. A. ROBERTS, Moderator,
Belmont, N. C.

A motion was made by Dr. Maloy that the address of the Moderator be printed in the Minutes, which was carried.

Motion prevailed that Rev. W. A. Roberts be a delegate to State Convention.

Reception of Letters was next taken up. All churches were passed in accord with the Constitution except Shiloh of Shelby and Washington of Waco. The delegates entered a prayer for 60 days to go home and raise shortness and send same in to the Treasurer, which request was granted and a motion prevailed to adopt all letters as a whole.

Rev. S. T. Eldridge of Charlotte, N. C., was introduced and said in part: Bro. Moderator and brethren, I am glad to be here. I am here this morning because I love to be among ministers. Said he, my father and mother's home was a minister's home, and I have always had a deep reverence for the minister of the gospel.

He very beautifully portrayed the scenes that transpired in his early life, giving us an index to the brilliant character which he possesses.

Time arrived for a sermon on Civic Righteousness by Rev. E. T. Milling. By a motion the sermon was waived and the topic, "A Prepared Ministry the Need of the Christian Church," was discussed by Dr. P. F. Maloy.

The speaker said in part:

1. Preparation is necessary. Moses was 80 years preparing himself to do 40 years' work. And he being God's first leader was well prepared, as he was trained in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. There is no less requirements upon the leaders of God's Church of today. The speaker emphasized the term "Church." Said he, the Church is God's institution to save men. It is the pillar and ground of Truth, and being such men who are trained should be the only ones to carry the message. He distinguished between a call and being sent.

2. A Divine call is necessary to enter into the ministry. Consecrated and dedicated lives to Jesus. To abstain from smoking and things that are unclean. Said he, the consecrated minister will pay his honest debts, deal honest with his fellowman and apply himself to deep study.

This address was a masterpiece.

Prof. J. L. Levister of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., came forward to represent his work to the Association:

Said he: Bro. Moderator, "I am not a preacher, but I am here representing the preachers. I have tried during these years of life to consecrate my life so as to impress those with whom I come in contact. I am here to ask help in erecting a theological building on the campus of Shaw University for the training of preachers, and we humbly ask you to give us whatever help you can."

Rev. O. J. Allen made some remarks in reference to the work Prof. Levister was doing and made a motion, which prevailed, that a collection be given here. Rev. E. T. Milling and O. J. Allen lifted this collection.

Those who gave 25 cents and up were: O. J. Allen $2.00, D. B. McClure 25c., P. F. Maloy 25c., S. T. Eldridge 25c., F. Ross 25c., W. W. Price 25c. Total collection, $5.55.

Mr. J. H. Touchstone, representative of the American Bible Society of Atlanta, Ga., was present and made some encouraging and inspiring remarks.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. Ellis.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order, Bro. G. J. Surratt conducting the praise service.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following reports were adopted:

We, your Committee on Appropriations, submit the following:

Pay Moderator, $5.00; pay Vice Moderator, $2.00; pay Recording Secretary, $12.00; pay Treasurer, $4.00; pay Sexton, $1.50; pay Programs and Expenses, $5.00; pay M. A. Talley, $5.30; pay J. L. Levister, $7.00; pay N. A. Rice, $3.09; pay W. A. Roberts, State Convention expenses, $6.00; pay A. Johnson, $2.66; pay A. Ellis, $2.66; pay Mrs. Fox, $2.66. Total, $58.87.

Yours, submitted,

C. F. JINGLES,
L. V. BORDERS,
T. HOPPER.
Committee.

We, your Committee on New Churches, beg to report: We found one church seeking admission in this body, viz.: Mt. Prospect, located at Blacksburg, S. C., with Rev. S. B. McBrayer, pastor. We find it in full accord with the constitutional requirements and we recommend that it become a member of this body.

Yours submitted,

REV. A. ELLIS,
M. OATES,
W. T. TORRENCE,
R. J. GETER,
Committee.

Our educational work was discussed by Prof. Maloy. At the close of his speech 32 chairs and 2 pigs were pledged for the W. U. Academy by the delegation.

Bro. D. H. Woods submitted a report from the Trustee board on the operation of the school, stating that the mortgage had been paid and that the school was not encumbered at the present.

Motion prevailed that Rev. D. B. McClure would discuss the topic assigned him preceding the sermon tonight.

Miss Hettie Hunter of Statesville, N. C., was introduced and made some timely remarks. Rev. N. A. Rice arose in a unique way and spoke to the delight of our hearts.

Benediction by Rev. D. B. McClure.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 8 p. m. with Bros. J. A. Wheeler and N. A. Burk conducting the devotional services. Expressions were made by several brothers. O. J. Allen said, "Brethren, pray for me, that as I am in a new field that God

may bless my work." W. Earls said: "It's not often that I say anything in these meetings, but realizing that many old heads are falling out I feel like my time is not long. I ask you to pray for me, that I may hold out to the end." Thomas Hopper: "Thank God, I am here once more. Pray for me." J. C. Kennedy: "I am glad I am here to put in my ticket. I've been coming for many years. Pray for me."

"Where Jesus is 'tis heaven there," was sung with much enthusiasm by the Association.

F. Ross: "I am proud to be here. I've been coming for about 20 years. It is a serious thing, for God is looking at us. Should I never meet you again, meet me beyond the river."

The Moderator in the chair called the topic "Claims of the foreign field upon us." Discussed by Rev. D. B. McClure. Said he: "The claims of the foreign field upon us as Missionary Baptists are great and should claim much of our consideration. The home field should be built up but simply doing home mission work was not carrying out the Divine injunction. We are obligated to give our means to help others to go. A man born of God is not satisfied in being saved himself, but wants all the State, nation and world saved to God." The topic was well discussed.

"Over the Ocean's wave, far, far away," was sung. Dr. Maloy also spoke on the topic. Prof. J. L. Levister entered fully in the same discussion.

Prof. J. A. Wheeler of Mooresboro, N. C., delivered a pointed, scholarly and interesting address on Education.

It being time for the Educational Sermon, Revs. S. T. Eldridge and D. B. McClure in the stand.

The latter lined hymn 490 C. M., 'I am not ashamed to own my Lord," and read Romans, 5th chapter, as a Scripture lesson. Rev. E. L. Williams was designated to pray. Hymn 449 was sung. The speaker being introduced gave his text, Phil. 1: 9-11. Subject: "Higher Ground." It is needless to try comment on this able discourse. The speaker was at his best and carried the large audience off into spiritual flights. At times it seemed like we were going into the gates of the Eternal City. O. J. Allen, at the close of the sermon, led the song: "Come ye that love the Lord," amid the echoes of joy coming from all parts of the congregation. An invitation was given to the unsaved. Rev. N. A. Rice offered prayer. Dr. Maloy was asked to call the Educational Collection and all who gave $1.00 were tagged.

Miss Hettie Hunter and Mrs. C. L. Mills were asked to tag the ones paying $1.00.

The following were tagged: W. W. Price, A. L. Costner, D. B. McClure, J. C. Kennedy, D. H. Woods, W. J. Black, W. A. Roberts, P. C. Young, B. Jingles, E. L. Williams, F. Ross. O. J. Allen, N. A. Rice, Lonzo Pharr, Alexander Graham, G. J. Surratt, Johnnie Roberts.

Those who paid 50c.: G. Knox, Mrs. M .L. Young, Fred. Dye, M. J. Burke, J. C. Camp, W. Earls, T. F. Carson, C. S. A. Davis. Total collection, $26.03.

Rev. W. W. Price, secretary Trustee Board, read the teachers of W. U. A., also making a request to the Association for a letter of recommendation, as he was desirous to do some traveling in the near future.

Motion prevailed that a vote of thanks be tendered to Rev. S. T. Eldridge, Prof. J. L. Levister, Rev. N. A. Rice, for their wholesome instructions and helpfulness to us while being in our midst.

Benediction by Rev. A. Ellis.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body assembled at 9:30 o'clock with Bros. F. Ross and G. Knox conducting the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

After some remarks and exhortations the Executive Board of the Association was elected.

Rev. C. W. Simmons, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church, was introduced and made some wholesome remarks.

By a motion the Report of the Committee on Statistics was adopted.

The following report was adopted:

We, your Committee on Corresponding Messengers, submit the following report:

That the Ebenezer Association send to the Missionary and Educational Convention W. A. Roberts; Mt. Peace Association, O. J. Allen; Gold Hill Association, A. Ellis; Thickety Mountain Association, S. B. McBrayer.

Yours submitted,

W. W PRICE,
A. ELLIS,
D. B. McCLURE.
Committee.

A letter from Bro. P. Wilson, one of the founders of the Association, was read by the Secretary, which brought about much comment. Everybody seemed to have been glad to hear from "Father Wilson."

The following report was adopted:

We, the Committee on Education, beg leave to report the following:

We renew our purpose to support with loyalty, Western Union Academy, and also pledge our hearty approval and co-operation with the newly-elected Principal, Dr. P. F. Maloy, who is now in charge of our school. We see the need of urging our Church, the Quarterly Conventions and our pastors to do more to render aid to the school by doing their whole duty. We recommend that the Association urge upon all pastors and ministers in the Association to attend the ministerial departemnt, which Dr. P. F. Maloy has arranged and also the ministers' institutes, which have been instituted. We urge the parents to send their children to Western Union Academy.

M. J. BURKE,
S. B. McBRAYER,
P. F. MALOY,
Committee.

The report was pointedly discussed by Revs. N. A. Rice, S. B. McBrayer and D. B. McClure.

It being time for Memorial services by a motion which prevailed, it was put off until the afternoon session.

Rev. E. T. Milling and Rev. A. Ellis in the stand. Rev. Ellis lined hymn No. 499, Bro. B. Jingles offered prayer.

The speaker, Rev. E. T. Milling, being introduced, gave as a text Rom., 10:4: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Subject, Civic Righteousness. From which the speaker preached a most excellent sermon. "By the grace of God I'll meet you," was sung by the congregation.

Collection taken, $3.01.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, We see great destruction of human life, of homes and society, through the use and influence of strong drink, and, whereas, we are the people of God and are in the proper place to uphold and support soberness and temperance among the people,

Resolved, That we condemn the use of strong drink as a curse in every way to our people.

We further condemn the use of tobacco as a clean and honorable practice for Christian people and recommend them not to use it.

We further recommend modesty in dress, as we are now living in a day of sensational dressing, both on the part of men and women.

We further recommend a more coreful sandard of temperance in the home, such as the use of gross, intemperate language, obscene pictures and post cards, and many other things too crude to mention.

Respectfully submitted.

REV. P. C. YOUNG,
D. H. WOODS,
T. N. CARSON,
L. G. PATTERSON,
DR. P. F. MALOY,
S. B. McBRAYER.
Committee.

The Committee on Finance made a partial report, also the Committee on Time and Place made this report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Time and Place, after careful consideration, recommend that the next session of The Eebenezer Association be with The Longbranch Baptist church, Grover, N. C., Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1915. Rev. C. F. Jingles to preach the Introductory Sermon. Rev. W. W. Price alternate.

W. T. TORRENCE,
JOHN ROBERTS,
L. M. LINEBARGER,
J. C. KENNEDY,
J. A. WHEELER,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Received from Public Collections	$ 88.34
Received from Churches	200.85
Total	$289.19

Yours, submitted.

D. H. WOODS,
F. ROSS,
B. GINGLES,

P. S. Washington church sent the Treasurer $5.00 since the Association adjourned, making a Grand Total of $294.19.—Secretary.

It being time to adjourn, Rev. A. Ellis pronounced the benediction.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 the meeting was opened by Bro. Ellis Jingles of Center church, who conducted a very interesting praise service. Rev. N. A. Rice and Dr. P. F. Maloy in the stand, the latter lined hymn No. 344, C. M. "How happy every child of grace," etc, read 50th Psalm and offered prayer. The Moderator lead the song, "Do you think I'll make a Soldier?"

Rev. N. A. Rice of Chester, S. C., being introduced gave as a text Psalms 50:10, "Every beast of the field is mine and the cattle on a thousand hills." The speaker in his unique way preached with power and all who heard him were spiritually benefited.

At the close of the sermon a collection of $2.00 was taken by D. H. Woods and Johnnie Roberts.

Benediction by Rev. P. F. Maloy.

CLOSING SESSION—SUNDAY MORNING.

The body assembled at 10:30. Bro. D. H. Woods of Blacksburg, S. C., conducted a most interesting praise meeting.

The ministerial body in the stand. Rev. A. Ellis lined hymn 559, L. M., "Go preach my Gospel, saith the Lord," etc. Rev. W. A. Roberts read Isa., 50th chapter. St. Paul choir sang a beautiful song.

Rev. Simmons, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, was designated to pray.

Bro. D. H. Woods arose in a graceful manner and tendered words of appreciation and thanks to the church, community and all who helped to entertain the Association.

The St. James choir of Bessemer City sang a beautiful selection.

The Moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Dr. P. F. Maloy, who announced his text from Isaiah, 11:9, 'The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord," etc.

The speaker was at his best and mastered the situation. He is a man of intelletual strength and full of eloquence. The Association shall long remember this sermon.

Rev. N. A. Rice offered prayer, after which Bros. J. F. Derr and D. H. Woods lifted a collection of $23.96. Rev. N. A. Rice made some good remarks as to the responsibility upon us as negro men to care for our women. At the close of his talk $3.09 was placed in his hands. Rev. Rice is a genius and is loved by all who know him.

The nuptial ties of matrimony were tied in the Association at this time. Mr. James Crawford and Miss Lena Wallace were united into holy wedlock by the Moderator, who sent them on their way rejoicing, bidding them God-speed.

The Finance Committee submitted its final report, which was adopted, stating that $289.19 had been raised during the session.

After some kind and cherishing remarks by the beloved Moderator, the gavel went down gently, and the Association arose to meet with the Longbranch Baptist church, Grover, N. C., Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1915.

Rev. N. A. Rice pronounced the benediction.

W. A. ROBERTS,
Moderator.

O. J. ALLEN, A. B.,
Secretary.

TO OUR SAINTED DEAD

Precious ones from us have gone,
Voices we loved are still ;
Places are vacant in our homes
Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled
The boon His love had given ;
And though their bodies moulder here
Their souls are safe in heaven.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Whereas, Death has broken the ranks in our Associational field, and has claimed 32 of our sainted workers, be it

Resolved, That we do bow to the Providence of God and strive each day to prepare to meet our God.

2. That a page in the Minutes be given to the memory of our sainted dead.

Yours, submitted,

W. A. BELL,
J. A. BONNER,
N. A. RICE,
Committee.

Constitution

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This body shall be called Ebenezer Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of delegates elected by the churches, and their pastors, and the delegates must have their membership in the bounds of the Association.

Sec. 2. No church shall send more than four delegates.

Sec. 3. All ordained ministers who are too old, except the founders, who fail to attend the Association, their names shall not be put on the roll. Licentiate preachers subject to the same rule.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Board.

Sec. 2. All officers must have their membership in the bounds of this Association.

Sec. 3. The Executive Board shall act, when necessity calls, in the absence of the Association and report the same to it.

Sec. 4. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association and sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer. The Vice Moderator may assume the same duties in the absence of the Moderator.

Sec. 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate account of all the proceedings, prepare Minutes for the press and send same to various churches.

Sec. 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall do all the correspondence with other organizations.

Sec. 7. The Treasurer shall give complete security for all moneys entrusted in his care.

ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. This Association shall meet Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September and adjourn the following Sunday of each year.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. All delegates, ministers and messengers shall pay 25c. to enroll.

Sec. 2. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

RULES.

No Brother:

1. Shall remain out doors while the session is on.
2. Walk across the floor while one is speaking.
3. Leave to go home without permission from the body.
4. Be absent at the roll call without a lawful excuse.
5. Any brother violating the above rules shall pay a fine of 10c. for each offense.

Report of Churches, 1914---Statistics

CHURCHES	POST OFFICES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Days of Preaching	Baptised	Recd. by letter	Restored	Removed	Excluded	Deaths	Membership	Educatinnal Fee	Association Fee	Pastors' salary.	Value of Property	Preachers on Roll.	Total Raised.
Center	Lowell	W. W. Price	L. M. Lineberger	1	12	--	--	2	--	4	70	$ 7 00	$ 1 00	$ 150	$ 1500	1	$ 195
Washington	Waco	O. J. Allen	G. Borders	4	36	2	5	1	9	5	200	9 00	4 00	150	1500	4	240
Green Bethel	Moorsboro	S. B. McBrayer	J. A. Wheeler	2 & 4	15	--	1	--	--	1	60	6 00	1 50	175	1600	--	260
Fairview	Cherryville	P. C. Young	R. L. Young	4	3	--	1	--	1	--	33	3 30	1 00	75	2500	1	145
White Oak	Ellinboro	C. C. Harbeson	T. W. Bostic	2	4	2	--	--	2	3	46	4 60	1 00	75	500	--	141
First Baptist	Earl	R. J. Geter	T. W. London	2 & 4	--	--	--	--	--	1	10	1 00	50	75	500	--	125
Shoal Creek	Shelby R. 2	A. Norris	T. W. Nance	1	16	--	5	2	6	6	135	13 50	1 00	150	1500	2	153
Pine Grove	Blacksburg	T. F. Maloy	T. A. Correy	2 & 4	25	4	5	5	57	3	189	20 95	4 00	350	3500	4	850
High Springs	Gastonia	N. A. Rice	Mary Chambers	2 & 4	1	1	--	--	--	--	12	1 20	1 00	100	600	--	175
Ebenezer	Kings Mountain	W. W. Price	C. J. Ramsuer	2	6	2	--	2	2	3	75	7 50	1 50	150	1500	1	200
St. Peter	Grover	E. L. Williams	W. L. Logan	1 & 3	14	1	2	3	2	1	60	6 00	1 50	200	1000	--	250
St. James	Bessemer City	E. T. Milling	Alex Whitworth	1 & 3	14	7	5	1	--	1	47	4 70	1 00	165	1000	--	200
Long Branch	Grover	R. B. Garvin	W. A. Bell	2 & 4	18	4	3	--	8	6	100	10 00	2 00	125	1200	--	200
Eskridge Grove	Shelby R. 4	E. L. Williams	Robt. Eskeridge	4	7	1	2	--	--	1	100	10 00	2 00	150	800	2	211
Mt. Prospect	Blacksburg	S. B. McBrayer	C. G. Garrett	1 & 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	50	1 00	100	1500	--	80
Hopewell	Shelby	P. C. Young	IsaacWilliamson	2	19	--	--	--	--	2	93	9 30	1 00	125	1250	--	195
Ellis Chapel	Patterson	W. W. Price	W. R. Jefferson	4	8	2	2	--	6	2	125	12 50	2 00	150	2000	3	230
St. Paul	Gastonia	D. B. McClure	Z. N. Mason	2 & 4	47	--	15	1	--	--	200	20 00	4 00	350	3000	2	500
Mt. Pisgah	Dallas	W. M. Nelson	Cora Spikes	1 & 3	--	--	--	2	--	--	23	2 30	1 00	85	800	--	110
Shiloe	Shelby	B. K. Mason	L. V. Borders	1 & 3	10	--	--	--	25	7	150	15 00	2 00	240	3500	2	300
Mt. Zion	Kings Mountain	G. Thompson	W. M. Briggs	1 & 3	7	3	3	--	--	--	35	3 50	1 00	150	1200	1	169

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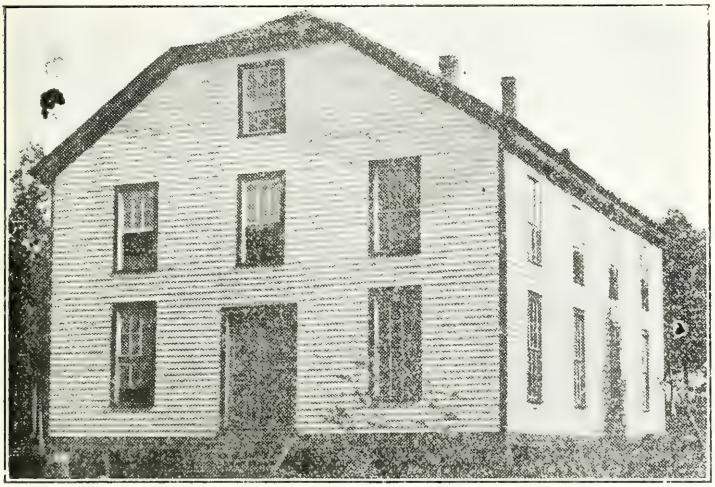

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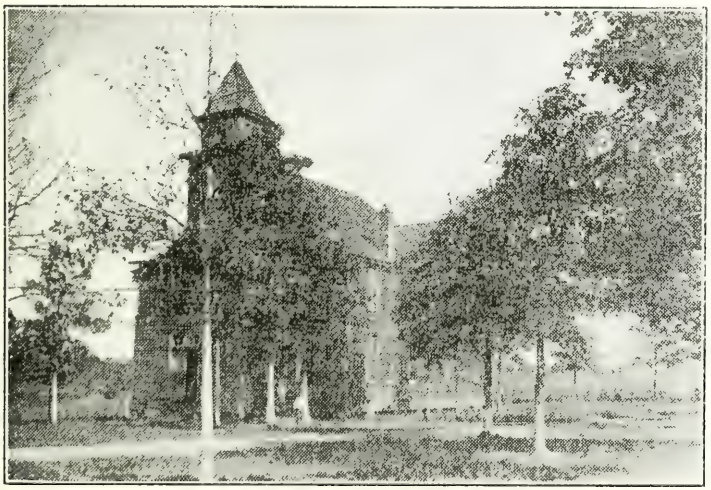

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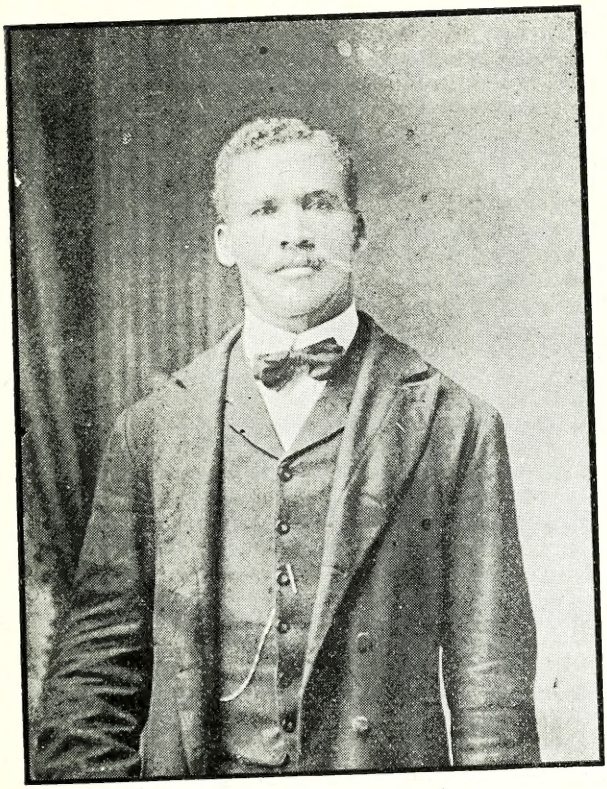

The above is the likeness of Rev. W. W. Price, of Rutherfordton, N. C., Pastor of Ebenezer, Ellis Chapel, Nebo and Gold Hill Baptist churches, also Vice President of Educational and Missionary Union and Secretary of Trustee Board of W. U. Academy. Besides his present work, Rev. Mr. Price has pastored some of our best churches in the Association. Having traveled extensively in the North, he has a good conception of Church work. He is one of the strongest supporters of our educational work.

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